

18 February 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Progress of COCOM Downgrading Project (Chronology)

1. POLTO 861 of 11 Nov 54 received in Branch on 12 November. 25X1A9a
2. 18 November - called [redacted] who indicated no definite assignment to EDIC. He will check documents and call.
3. Spoke on 19 November with [redacted] They are to meet 25X1A9a
and [redacted] will present case to EDIC.
4. 1 December meeting of EDIC where consideration given to outgoing cable. Members to report agency reaction by 2 December.
5. 2 December - [redacted] wanted CIA position for Executive Committee meeting. 25X1A9a
Met with Ch/C to get this information. EC meeting postponed.
6. 6 December - called [redacted] to line up meeting for discussion problem. Set tentatively for 7 December.
7. Conference on 7 December with [redacted] I was instructed to handle and convey changes in outgoing cable to [redacted] with FI-CD meeting postponed to after-the-fact briefing.
8. 15 December - called [redacted] in CIA Library. 25X1A9a
Arranged for [redacted] to see [redacted] on 16 December. 25X1A9a
9. 17 December - talked over with [redacted] he felt my memorandum in order and suggested cable to Paris for complete list documents.
10. Called [redacted] borrowed Commerce document; [redacted] suggested talking with [redacted] 21 December
11. 22 December - [redacted] called re [redacted] list adequacy. 25X1A9a
Worked all afternoon, drafting two memos neither of which used. Ch/B/E instructed me to take 10 percent sample and report recommendations. Determination to be put up to responsible officials Agency.
12. 3 January 1955 - did preliminary work on analysis documents.
13. 5 January - advised Ch/B/E of problems connected with project, suggesting that other offices be advised. He indicated I should proceed with sampling. [redacted] advised Defense did not object to downgrading and no service intelligence had gone to COCOM.
14. 7 January - talked with Ch/C on procedures for downgrading.
15. 11 January - Ch/C approved my plan for making recommendations on COCOM.
16. 14 January - worked most of day in surveying COCOM documents.
17. 17 January - was instructed by Ch/C to push inventory and downgrading.
18. 20 January - Ch/B/E criticized my handling of COCOM project, indicating that time was running out and that he was not going to get involved in my problem. I explained progress and indicated differences as to approach favored by himself and Ch/C.
19. 24 January - worked on COCOM project.
20. 25 January - produced memorandum - Report on Survey of Documents which fulfilled requirements of Ch/B/E and requested additional action.

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21. 27 January - called [REDACTED] re 1385. He advised of outgoing.
22. 27 January - long discussion with [REDACTED] prepared and discussed drafts of paper with [REDACTED] and Ch/D/E. 25X1A9a
23. 31 January - spoke with Ch/D/E on project.
24. 2 February - Ch/D/E instructed me devote equal time to inventory and downgrading and to accept no other jobs till these done.
25. 3 February - talked over with Ch/D/E - he suggested memo to Ch/C.
26. 7 February - Division Staff meeting where turn-in of documents requested by Chief.. Discussed with Ch/C.
27. 10 February - prepared draft report - Provisional CIA Position on Downgrading of Documents.
28. 11 February - Ch/C advised approval of draft memo - notified Ch/D/E by memo of this approval and requested three-way discussion to resolve differences. Ch/D/E had indicated disapproval of memorandum. Asked if I had looked at each document (Ch/C). Ch/D/E indicated we would meet on this first of week. (Week of 14-18 February)
29. 17 February - scanned some 50 documents.
30. 19 February - requested [REDACTED] to notify Ch/D/E I wished to discuss COCOM. No response. Continued to scan documents.

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Addendum

1. 8 December - circulated memorandum to each desk in D/E asking return of All documents.
2. 28 January - produced Progress Report No. 1 on Downgrading. Sent to Ch/C on 31 January after revisions. Was returned with comments.